

February 19, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 27, 2002**

		<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Approval of January 30, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve January 30, 2002 meeting minutes.
4.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT***AIR QUALITY ITEM*****7. Conformity Consultation**

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested an amendment for seven transit projects in the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment is necessary to revise funding and scheduling for right-of-way acquisition, final design, and construction for fixed guideway corridor projects. In addition, an amendment is required to add two Maricopa County projects to the TIP for FY 2002: Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit. MAG has reviewed the projects and has found that the project revisions and new projects do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. For consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS****8. Discussion of Federal Transportation Funding for FY 2002 to 2007**

A report will be provided on potential reductions to the MAG federal and state transportation funds.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Initial and Interim Closeouts of the FY 2002 MAG Federally Funded Program

Staff will provide a report on the closeout process to ensure that all of the federal funds for the current federal fiscal year are spent. As part of the process, member agencies notify MAG by March 1, 2002 of any current year projects that may need to be carried forward for one year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information and discussion.

10. Amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

An amendment is needed to revise the financial plan for the Light Rail Project which used Federal Transit Administration and local funds. An amendment is also needed to add two Maricopa County projects to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Management Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to reflect the revised financial plan for the Light Rail Project, and to add two Maricopa County projects to the TIP: the Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit projects.

GENERAL ITEMS

11. Conducting a 2005 Special Census or Using an Estimate to Gauge Mid-Decade Population

Staff will provide a report on potential options for conducting a special census in 2005. The estimated cost of the census is \$30 million. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Information and discussion of undertaking a 2005 Special Census or an alternative to the Special Census.

12. MAG Governance Task Force Recommendations

At the January 11, 2002 Regional Council Retreat, the Final Recommendations of the MAG Governance Task Force were discussed and endorsed. Further discussion was held on the recommendations at the January 30, 2002 Regional Council meeting. Since that time, meetings of the Executive Committee have been held with members of the Regional Council to discuss ideas and concerns regarding expanding the Executive Committee and the method of voting at the Executive Committee and Regional Council. On February 14, 2002, the members of the Executive Committee discussed the input received from members of the Regional Council and recommended a structure for the Executive Committee, a potential method for voting method for voting at Regional Council and Management Committee meetings, and a revised quorum requirement. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For information, discussion and possible action.